

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/756,805

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5,6,8,9,11 and 12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

*Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are pending.*

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments (see Remarks pages 7-8) filed 2/28/2006, with respect to claims 2, 5, 8 and 11 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The finality and 35 USC 102(e) rejection of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have therefore been withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

*Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are allowed.*

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to teach or suggest neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitation of the message text is posted on the bulletin board when the message text does not include a notable word in the notable words collection; the second database is searched by using the notable word as a keyword when the message text includes a notable word in the notable words collection, and if no records including the notable word exist in the second database then the message text is posted on the bulletin board; and when a record including the notable words exists as a result of searching the second database, the word in the message text is converted into a hypertext format having a URL generated properly to which the word is linked as a link

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destination, and the message text is posted on the bulletin board, the URL being so described as to constitute a start instruction. Although cited prior art of reference, *Uchino et al* (US 6,865,715) discloses providing a URL for a keyword linking a user to a specific document within a display list, specifically *Uchino et al* fails to teach providing a URL that constitutes a start instruction to a search-report program with reports a result of searching the second database by using the notable word as a keyword. This limitation, in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims, is not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. A review of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 in view of the Examiner's remarks above, indicates that Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Sunaga et al (6,594,652), Knight et al (6,804,675), and Anthony (5,815,830).
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristie Shingles whose telephone number is 571-272-3888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00pm.

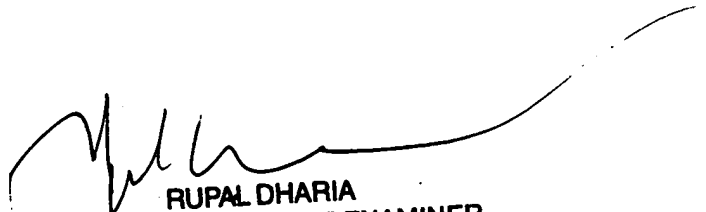
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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